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### Second Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

#### In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 7, 9 and 29 to read as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A method of culture of mycobacteria, comprising culturing said mycobacteria, in batch fermenter culture or continuous culture, with agitation and in the presence of greater than 0.1% (v/v) detergent.

7. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 1 for batch culture of mycobacteria, wherein detergent is present at from greater than 0.1 to 1.0% (v/v)

9. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 1 for continuous culture of mycobacteria, wherein detergent is present at greater than 0.1% (v/v).